On Friday, Dec. 7, Wichita psychiatrists and KU School of Medicine–Wichita faculty, residents, and staff gathered for an art reception to honor George S. Jerkovich, M.D. Dr. Jerkovich donated pictures from his exhibit, “Photographing the West: Blue Skies, Green Prairie, Red Desert,” to the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences in 2012. Assembled by the Mid-America Arts Alliance, this juried body of work was showcased across the United States from 2009 to 2012.

A practicing psychiatrist and photographer, Dr. Jerkovich sold his microscope after his first year of medical school and used the money to buy his first set of camera equipment. Since 1993, he has photographed landscapes and probably has the largest collection of panoramic images of north central Kansas.

Dr. Jerkovich creates his photographic prints in a panoramic format because it accentuates the most prominent feature of the Kansas landscape, the horizon. Using digital or film cameras, a digital workflow, and Epson printers allows control of the entire artistic process. “My main motivation in photography is the joy I derive from discovering, processing, and printing an image,” Dr. Jerkovich says. His work captures the expansiveness and wonder of the Kansas landscape.

He graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1983 and completed his residency at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo. As part of the residency program, Dr. Jerkovich completed a five-month elective at the University of Kansas School of Medicine–Wichita in 1987. He has devoted most of his professional career to providing psychiatric care to the residents of north central Kansas.

Stop by and view Dr. Jerkovich’s photography, which is displayed in the KU Wichita Psychiatry clinic lobby and the department entrance hallway. Lyle Baade, Ph.D., Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences chair, and the department extend a warm thank you to Dr. Jerkovich!
Goodbye to Dr. Abbas

I was surprised to learn that Dilawer Abbas, M.D., is leaving Wichita after having called it home for more than 36 years. He has been associated with the Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences department as volunteer faculty for the past 33 years. During this period, he distinguished himself as an award-winning medical educator and a respected member of the medical community.

I was introduced to Dr. Abbas at the start of my residency in 1996. During the residents’ neurology rotation, Dr. Abbas’ excellent teaching was interspersed with discussions of the stock market, his expertise as a magician, his skills at Ping Pong, and the large number of KU School of Medicine–Wichita faculty who had been his residents. His love of jokes can only be matched by his love for doing his job impeccably. He often invited residents to his home for dinner and a game of ping pong.

A few years ago, Dr. Abbas sprung another surprise on us when he wound up his private practice and hosted a retirement party. At the party, we discovered retirement for Dr. Abbas meant working full time at the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center. Considering his energy and enthusiasm, I don’t think Dr. Abbas is ready to retire anytime soon.

From a personal standpoint, Dr. Abbas has been a true friend and a great person to know. I have learned a lot from him about neurology and about life. He is indeed a well-rounded individual.

I wish him success in his future endeavors. He will be missed by the department, his friends, and his patients in Wichita.

By Ahsan Khan, M.D.

GREAT NEWS FROM PSYCHOLOGY

It is my pleasure to announce that the Wichita Psychology Collaborative Internship Program, which is the training program that includes our University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita (KUSM-W) intern along with psychology interns at Prairie View, ComCare, South Central Mental Health and Wichita State University (WSU), has received re-accreditation from the American Psychological Association with the maximum time of seven years until the next review. We are pleased with this outcome and appreciate the work of all who contributed to the site visit this summer. We are proud to be part of the oldest consortium clinical psychology training program in the United States.

Robin J. Heinrichs, Ph.D., LP
In Memory of M. Rafique Shaikh, M.D.  

By Matthew Macaluso, D.O.

I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of M. Rafique Shaikh, M.D., a friend and respected colleague who died in August from complications related to cardiac disease. His loss was felt by many who knew and loved him.

Dr. Shaikh graduated from our residency program in 2008 and was known for his kind and gentle nature. During his time at the KU School of Medicine–Wichita, Dr. Shaikh was well-liked and respected by both patients and staff. He received Via Christi’s Resident Saint Luke Award in recognition of his compassion and humanism toward patients.

Those who knew Dr. Shaikh would agree that he was an excellent psychiatrist and a true gentleman. Most thought of him as a remarkably humble man, despite his many great accomplishments.

In addition to these qualities, I will always remember him for his smile, which always warmed the room and immediately set all at ease. I feel honored to have known him and will miss his kind spirit.

CONGRATULATIONS

Trever Krehbiel, D.O., resident alumni and his wife on the birth of their son Max Ollie on October 10.

PRESENTATIONS


Netson, K.L. Cognitive & Psychosocial symptom exaggeration. Cognitive and Neuropsychological samples. The neuropsychology team presented nine research posters at national neuropsychology conferences including the National Academy of Neuropsychology’s 32nd annual conference, Wichita, KS. (July 2012).

PUBLICATIONS


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Neuropsychological Society’s 40th annual conference held in Montreal, Canada.


